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SUBJ: FAIVOVICH SABOTAGES MILITARY EFFORTS TO END STRIKE

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1. SUMMARY. OPPOSITION GROUPS CONTINUED TO PRESSURE MILITARY MINISTERS TO DEFINE THEIR POSITION AND TO TAKE CONCRETE STEPS TO "RECTIFY" GOVT. POLICIES. SPECULATION CONTINUES THAT LEFTWING OF UP MAY LEAVE GOVT. COALITION. ATTEMPT TO REQUISITION STRIKING TRUCKS LED BY UNDERSEC TRANSPORTATION JAIME FAIVOVICH RESULTED IN CLASHES AND UNDETERMINED EFFORTS OF MIN PUBLIC WORKS GEN CESAR RUIZ TO FIND SOLUTION FOR TRANSPORTATION STRIKE. GOVT ISSUED STATEMENT DEMANDING TRUCKERS END STRIKE BY TOMORROW AFTERNOON. TERRORISTS ACTS CONTINUED IN SPITE OF APPEAL FROM RAUL CARDINAL SILVE. END SUMMARY.

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2. CABINET: RADICAL PARTY (PR) ISSUED STATEMENT ENDORSING NEW

CABINET. PDC STATEMENT AND OTHER COMMENTS BY PDC PERSONALITIES GIVEN PROMINENT PLAY BY BOTH OPPOSITION AND PRO-GOVT PRESS; FORMER UNDERLINED PDC WAIT-AND-SEE ATTITUDE AND LATTER STRESSED "CONCILIATORY" TONE. TOP PDC LEADERS PAID COURTESY CALL AUG 10 ON MIN FINANCE ADM RAUL MONTERO; REPORTEDLY 1974 BUDGET AND OCTOBER WAGE READJUSTMENTS WERE DISCUSSED. PDC LA PRENSA FEATURE STORY REPORTED LEFT-WING OF UP, ALREADY UNHAPPY WITH GOVT "BLANDNESS" TOWARDS OPPOSITION, WAS NOT SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING LEAVING UP TO JOIN WITH MIR IN A "PARTY OF THE REVOLUTION"; SUCH A GROUPING WOULD SEEK SUPPORT AMONG INDUSTRIAL BELTS AND OTHER "PEOPLE'S POWER" ORGANIZATIONS. ON THE RIGHT, NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY (SNA) PUBLISHED AD CALLING ON MILITARY MINISTERS TO STATE CLEARLY THEIR INTENTIONS, DEMANDING THAT THEY "IMPOSE" BASIC POLICY CHANGES ON ALLENDE GOVT, AND INSISTING THAT UP CIVILIANS IN KEY SECOND-LEVEL GOVT. POSTS BE REMOVED.

3. STRIKE: OPPOSITION PRESS HEADLINED AL-DAY INCIDENTS BEGINNING MORNING AUG 10 AT TRUCKE CONCENTRATION AREA OF STRIKING TRUCKERS NEAR TOWN OF EL MONTE ON DISTANT SOUTHWEST OUTSKIRTS OF SANTIAGO. UNDER SEC. TRANSPORTATION JAIME FAIVOVICH LED REPORTED FORCE OF 700 CARABINEROS INCLUDING THREE POLICE ARMORED VEHICLES IN 18 GOVT. BUSES TO REQUISITION THE 1600 TRUCKS MASSED THERE. NUMEROUS CLASHES BETWEEN POLICE, STRIKING TRUCKERS, AND UP CIVILIANS ALLEGEDLY BROUGHT ALONG BY FAIVOVICH FROM CERRILLOS INDUSTRIAL BELT RESULTED, AND SMALL TRUCKE BELONGING TO UP-CONTROLLED RADIO PORTALES WAS BURNED. EVENTS WITNESSED BY FIVE PN AND TWO PDC DEPUTIES WHO MADE VOCAL PROTESTS TO FAIVOVICH. AT ONE POINT, AIR FORCE HELICOPTER ARRIVED BRINGING MILITARY AIDE TO MIN PUBLIC WORKS GEN CESAR RUIZ, BUT ONLY BRIEF LULL RESULTED. OPPOSITION PRESS NOTED THAT BY END OF DAY FAIVOVICH FORCES HAD SUCCEEDED IN TAKING POSSESSION OF ONLY THREE TRUCKS; FAIVOVICH REPORTEDLY VOWED TO RETURN TODAY TO TRY AGAIN. A SIMILAR EFFORT TO REQUISITION TRUCKS NEAR TOWN OF GRAMEROS SOUTH OF SANTIAGO ALSO FAILED, BUT APPARENTLY DUE MORE TO DEEP MUD THAN TO CLASHES BETWEEN TRUCKERS AND GOVT FORCES.

4. MEANWHILE, BACK IN GEN RUIZ' OFFICE, LEADER OF LAND TRANSPORT CONFEDERATION WERE MEETING WITH RUIZ AT HIS REQUEST TO TRY TO END TRANSPORTATION STRIKE. WHEN WORD OF EL MONET AFFAIR WAS RECEIVED, GUILD LEADERS DECLARED TALKS WERE BROKEN AS LONG AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FAIVOVICH REMAINED IN HIS JOB. RUIZ REPORTEDLY REPLIED THAT AS INTERVENTOR ON TRUCK STRIKE, FAIVOVICH WAS NOT UNDER HIS CONTROL. RUIZ FLATLY DENIED GIVING THE ORDER TO REQUISITION EL MONET TRUCKS.

5. COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ISSUED STATEMENT, LABELED AS "VIRTUAL ULTIMATUM" BY GOVT. LA NACION, TO TRUCKERS TO END STRIKE BY 1800 HOURS TOMORROW AUG 12. IF TRUCKERS MEET THIS DEADLINE, THEN GOVT IS "DISPOSED TO PROVIDE CONCRETE SOLUTIONS" TO TRUCKERS

DEMANDS; IF NOT GOVT WILL USE "ALL LEGAL MEASURES" TO END STRIKE.
PDC LA PRENSA REPORTED RUMORS THAT MILITARY MINISTERS HAD NOT
PREVIOUSLY KNOWN OF THIS DECLARATION. TRUCKERS AND MIN INTERIOR,
MEANWHILE, TRADED STATEMENTS RESPECTIVELY LISTING GOVT. PROMISES TO
TRUCKERS (SPARE PARTS, NEW TRUCKS, FREIGHT RATES, ETC.) WHICH
HAVE NOT BEEN KEPT AND GOVT OFFERS WHICH TRUCKERS HAVE IGNORED.

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6. TERRORISM: AIR FORCE ISSUED STATEMENT DENOUNCING APPEARANCE
OF LEFTIST EXTREMISTS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS DISGUISED IN MILITARY
UNIFORMS, STATEMENT REMINDED CITIZENS OF RULES
UNDER WHICH MILITARY CONDUCTS ARMS SEARCHES AND WARNED THAT ANY
SEARCHES OR OTHER ACTION NOT CONFORMING TO THESE RULES MAY HAVE
BEEN DONE BY IMPOSTERS. RAUL CARDINAL SILVA ISSUED CALL TO ALL
SIDES TO STOP TERRORIST ACTS. OPPOSITION PRESS PROMINENTLY
REPORTED ARREST OF ALLEGED MIR MEMBER IN CONNECTION WITH AUG
7 EXPLOSION ON PIPELINE IN CURICO; COMMUNIST EL SIGLO PINTED POLICE
DENIAL THAT THIS PERSON, SABINO JOSE ROMERO SALAZAR, WAS INVOLVED
BUT DID ADMIT HE WAS ONE OF THOSE HURT (REPORTEDLY BY BULLET
WOUND) IN EXPLOSION AREA. PATRIA Y LIBERTAD LEADER ROBERTO THIEME
SURFACED BRIEFLY TO APPEAR ON TV/13 TO ANNOUNCE THAT, "OUT OF

RESPECT FOR MILITARY", PYL WAS RETURNING SIX SUBMACHINEGUNS
STOLEN FROM SECOND ARMORED REGIMENT DURING JUNE 29 COUP ATTEMPT;
COMMUNIST EL SIGLO RHETORICALLY ASKED WHEN PYL PLANNED TO TURN
IN REST OF ITS WEAPONS. SCATTERED TERRORIST INCIDENTS CONTINUED,
INCLUDING A DYNAMITE BOMB IN CONCEPCION AND ATTACK ON LOCAL LEADER
OF PRO-GOVT TRUCKERS ORGANIZATION (MOPARE). FIVE PERSONS, ALLEGEDLY
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PYL MEMBERS, WERE ARRESTED FOR TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN COLCHAGUA
PROVINCE. PDC FLOOR LEADER IN CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES JOSE MONARES
REJECTED OUT OF HAND RADICAL PARTY
CALL FOR STATE OF SEIGE (REFTEL).

7. ARAYA CASE: FOUR MORE SUSPECTS, ALL ALLEGEDLY BELONGING TO
RIGHT-WING GROUPS, HAVE SURRENDERED TO AUTHORITIES. THREE EARLIER
SUSPECTS, TWO ALLEGED RIGHTISTS (ROJAS AND NECOCHEA) AND ONE
ALLEGED LEFTIST (RIQUELME), HAVE BEEN FORMALLY CHARGED (DECLARADO
REO). INVESTIGATION CONTINUES.

8. COMMENT. EL MONTE INCIDENT AND SNA/PDC STATEMENTS CLEARLY
ILLUSTRATE TUPE AND EXTENT OF PRESSURES ON NEW MILITARY MINISTERS.
IT SHOULD BE RECALLED THAT BUS OWNERS WERE NEAR SETTLEMENT
PREVENTING A STRIKE WHEN FAIVOVICH STAGED HIS JULY 31 RAID ON
TRUCK PARK NEAR SAN BERNARDO (THE NOS AFFAIR); BUSES SUBSEQUENTLY
STRUCK. HE NOW SEEMS TO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY, SABOTAGED, TEMPORARILY
AT LEAST, GEN RUIZ' EFFORTS TO RESOLVE STRIKE.
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